

NHMLAC
Plans for Future Exhibits, FY10 through FY14

I. Exhibits Scheduled; fundraising on-going (opening dates through 2012)
Note: Fundraising for \$115 Campaign; raised almost one-half (\$54.4M)

Opening July 11, 2010

- The Age of Mammals – story driven, specimen rich exhibit on the evolution of mammals featuring our most unique & storied collections (La Brea and other vertebrate paleontology)
- Rotunda exhibit – Visually arresting objects from the Museum's vast collections installed in new architectural scale cases

Opening Summer 2011

- Dinosaur Mysteries – story driven, specimen rich exhibit featuring our *T. rex* growth series and the work of curator Luis Chiappe. Explores the questions that drive dinosaur paleontology & fascinate the public

Opening by the end of 2012

- Under the Sun– story driven, object rich, history of L.A. that explores the relationship of humans and the environment, presenting a unifying story featuring our extraordinary historic objects from early Los Angeles
- New Discovery Center – a completely new hands-on exploration space for children, adults and multigenerational groups to explore science and cultural history; and how we study the past, present and future of our planet and our local environment
- Outdoor learning gardens where children, adults and multigenerational groups explore nature in the city, featuring activities and interpretive information on backyard science and opportunities for Angelenos to participate in ongoing museum science projects.
Note: this is part of the re-imagining of the Museum's North Campus, which is being designed to welcome visitors coming by light rail and automobile

II. Exhibits Under Development, pending funding (opening dates 2012 and beyond based on funding)

Note: Fundraising has recently begun; no funds raised to date

As early as 2012 if funding is secured soon

- New permanent outdoor insect pavilion for seasonal exhibits featuring butterflies, spiders and other invertebrates
- Entry orientation exhibit featuring the Museum's 65 foot long Fin Back Whale specimen, one of the Museum's iconic specimens

2013 if funding is secured

- Museum-wide program of themed object & specimen-rich exhibits featuring collections not currently on display (interstitial spaces project). Spectacular objects such as large

ancient marine fossils, skeletons of rare extinct species, taxidermy mounts of exotic mammals, iconic historic and anthropological objects

III. Exhibits Under Consideration for 2013 and Beyond (depending on capacity, space, funding & other resources)

Note: Fundraising TBD

- New permanent Hall of Oceans and Marine Life featuring the Museum's unparalleled Pacific collections and exploring the past, present and future of the oceans
 - New permanent Hall of the Americas featuring ancient, historic and contemporary art and artifacts, the legacy of native peoples of the Americas and the present and future of Los Angeles, home to the largest urban population of Native Americans from throughout the Americas
 - Installations to activate the 3 historic mammal halls
 - Newly conceived program of temporary exhibits to complement new permanent galleries.
- FY 2009-2010 strategic objective is to include consideration of:
1. Traveling exhibits originated by other museums, as appropriate
 2. Traveling exhibits developed jointly by us and external partners. Partners may include other museums, academic institutions and other kinds of institutions or organizations
 3. NHM developed exhibits that originate here and then travel (these will likely be of various sizes and scopes) which may feature our own as well as other collections
 4. Rotating, non-traveling exhibits developed in-house based largely on our own collections